Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Arbor Day, celebrated annually in South Dakota on the last Friday in April, is a time set aside each year for all citizens of the state to commemorate tree planting and care; and,

WHEREAS, Trees are an important natural resource to South Dakota, creating wildlife habitat, enhancing recreational opportunities, and contributing to the state's beauty, environment and economy; and,

WHEREAS, President of the United States, George W. Bush, in his speech in Sioux Falls on September 18, 1989, encouraged the people of this state to plant more trees, noting: "Let us tap into the greatness of the American spirit. Let us honor the pioneers who gave us this state by giving back to the generations yet to come. And, 100 years from now, South Dakota will still be a good place to raise children and cottonwood trees and other precious things;" and,

WHEREAS, Just as it was important for the first settlers in South Dakota to plant trees, so it is important for us today to continue this tradition, creating a lasting legacy of trees for our children and our children's children to enjoy; and,

WHEREAS, Each and every citizen of South Dakota should have as their goal planting a tree on or around Arbor Day; and,

WHEREAS, Twenty-six South Dakota communities will be recognized nationally this year as Tree Cities USA, including special awards to Aberdeen, Mitchell, Rapid City and Sioux Falls, for their tenth anniversary as a Tree City USA:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 27, 1990, as

ARBOR DAY

and the entire week of April 22 through 28, 1990, as

ARBOR WEEK

in South Dakota, and I urge all South Dakotans to actively plan and carry out a tree planting project for the betterment of our state and the benefit of future generations of South Dakotans. Furthermore, I urge all South Dakotans to become more aware of the many benefits trees provide and their importance to the well-being of the people of the state of South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE